

## CARLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the November Meeting of Carlow County Council, held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 2.00 p.m. in the G.B. Shaw Theatre, Visual, Old Dublin Road, Carlow.

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- In Attendance:** Councillor F. Phelan (Cathaoirleach) (*remote*)  
Councillor A. Dalton  
Councillor J. McDonald  
Councillor K. Murnane (*remote*)  
Councillor T. O'Neill (*remote*)  
Councillor M. Doran  
Councillor J. Murphy  
Councillor J. Cassin  
Councillor W. Paton  
Councillor A. Wallace  
Councillor A. Gladney  
Councillor B. O'Donoghue  
Councillor F. Browne  
Councillor W. Quinn  
Councillor C. Murphy  
Councillor T. Kinsella  
Councillor A. McDonald (*remote*)  
Councillor J. Pender
- Guests:** Mr. John Nolan, Chairman, Carlow IFA  
Mr. Joseph Kelly, Carlow IFA  
Mr. John Dalton, Carlow IFA  
Ms. Marian Keogh, Carlow IFA  
Niall Beirne, National Broadband Ireland (NBI)  
Head of Strategic Communications & Stakeholder Engagement  
(*remote*)
- Present:** Ms. K. Holohan, Chief Executive  
Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service, Corporate, HR, Planning,  
Economic Development, Health & Safety  
Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Service, Transportation,  
Environment, Water Services, Building Control & Emergency  
Services  
Mr. M. Brennan, Director of Service, Housing, Community,  
Recreation & Amenity  
Ms. Orla Barrett, Senior Engineer, Environment  
Mr. E. Brophy, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate & HR  
Ms. L. O'Callaghan, Administrative Officer, Corporate Services  
Mr. Paul Curran, Facilities Manager  
Ms. T. Hickson, Assistant Staff Officer, Corporate Services

## OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was recited in Irish by the Members

## VOTES OF SYMPATHY

- Breda Geoghegan, sister of Hugh Walker, Tullow Municipal District

## VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS

- Sean O'Shea, retired Carlow Town Clerk, on the publication of his book entitled 'Carlow Local & Norman History'
- Pride of Place winners
- Kevin Barry Commemoration Committee
- Grange GAA on winning the Junior A Championship
- Myshall on winning the Carlow Senior Camogie for the 22<sup>nd</sup> year in a row
- Eire Óg on winning the County Carlow Intermediate Football Championship
- St. Anne's Ladies Football on winning the Intermediate Football Championship

### 1.0 Confirmation of Minutes/Dearbhú Miontuairiscí

#### 1.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 2.00 p.m.

'The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Carlow County Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 2.00 p.m., having been circulated to each Member, be taken as read, confirmed as to accuracy, and accordingly signed, were **Proposed by Councillor F. Browne, Seconded by Councillor A. Dalton,** and agreed following a show of hands.

### 2.0 Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of Council/Gnó forordaithe do réir reachtaíochta, orduithe seasta, nó ruin an Chomhairle

#### 2.1 Approval of Draft Burial Ground Bye-laws

Adoption of the Draft Burial Ground Bye-laws as presented was **Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, Seconded by Councillor J. Pender,** and agreed following a show of hands.

## 2.2 Approval of Foreign Travel

- (i) Launch of the Columban Way Bangor
- (ii) Carlow Delegation to the Urbact Project visit and meeting, Algeciras, Spain - Tuesday 14th December to 16th December

Fintan Phelan, Cathaoirleach, confirmed his attendance at the launch of Columban Way Bangor.

E. Brophy, Meetings Administrator, confirmed that Legislation requires approval of foreign travel for the elected members.

M. Rainey, Director of Service, answered queries in relation to the Urbact Project.

Approval for the attendance of the Cathaoirleach at the launch of the Columban Way in Bangor, and approval of the attendance of the Cathaoirleach on the Urbact Project visit to Algeciras, Spain was, **Proposed by Councillor J. Pender, Seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella**, and agreed following a show of hands.

## 2.3 Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Proposal

P. O’Gorman, Director of Service, gave a full report and answered all queries.

It was **Proposed by Councillor J. Pender, Seconded by Councillor F. Browne**, and agreed following a show of hands that,

*‘We, the Members of Carlow County Council, approve the recommendation for Council to formally approve an agreement with Eir and Easy Go Charging Limited, to provide the alternative use of electric vehicle charging in lieu of where public telephone kiosks have become obsolete and removed’.*

## 3.0 Considerations of Reports and Recommendations/Breithniú ar Thuarascálacha agus ar Mholtaí

### 3.1 Carlow Town Bus Service

P. O’Gorman, Director of Service, gave a full report and answered all queries. The location of the bus depot has not yet been confirmed by the NTA.

### 3.2 Review of Climate Adaptation Strategy & Next Steps

Orla Barret, Senior Engineer, gave a full report and answered all queries.

### 3.3 Conference Attendance Approvals

#### **CONFERENCES /TRAINING**

IPI Annual Planning Conference (Training)

Venue: Clayton whites Hotel, Wexford.

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Register: Email: [info@ipi.ie](mailto:info@ipi.ie) or Telephone 01/878 8630

Fee: €360.00

Local Authority Members Association (Training)

Planning & Mental Health

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>gth</sup> November 2021

Venue: Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo.

Fee: €180.00

AILG Module 2 (Training)

"Elected Members Mental Health & Well-Being and Briefing on the National Office for Suicide Prevention"

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (SE Region)

Venue: The Avalon House Hotel, Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny.

Booking Link: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/200781130767>

Date: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021 (out of Region Option)

Venue: Galway Monivea Road, Ballybrit, Galway, H91 D526#

Booking Link: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/200771602267>

Fee: €65.00

**Proposed by Councillor T. O'Neill**

**Seconded by Councillor J. Pender**

*And agreed following a show of hands*

### 3.4 Presentation from Irish Farmers Association at 3.00 p.m. (subject to members approval)

Fintan Phelan, Cathaoirleach, welcomed Mr. John Nolan, Chairman, IFA, and his guests, Mr. Joseph Kelly, Mr. John Dalton, and Ms. Marian Keogh to the meeting. He reminded all in attendance of the 15 minute time allowance for speakers.

Mr. John Nolan, Chairman, IFA, gave a full and comprehensive report on farming in Carlow, and on proposed CAP reform. He requested members to pressurise TDs and government to protect and support farmers in Carlow.

Finally, he thanked the members for their invitation to address the meeting today.

The Cathaoirleach and members, thanked Mr. John Nolan, Chairman of Carlow IFA, for his presentation. They were unanimous in their support of the farming industry in Carlow. Members also requested a full copy of his report for their reference.

### **3.5 Presentation from National Broadband Ireland at 3.30 p.m.**

Mr. Niall Beirne, Head of Strategic Communications & Stakeholder Engagement, National Broadband Ireland attended the meeting remotely. He shared his comprehensive presentation and answered all queries from members.

Fintan Phelan, Cathaoirleach, thanked Mr. Beirne for accepting the Council's invitation to attend this meeting and for answering all queries from members.

A request for an extension of a time to 4.30 p.m. was, **Proposed by Councillor J. Pender, Seconded by Councillor S. Doran**, and agreed following a show of hands.

### **4.0 Chief Executive's Report / Tuarascáil an Phíomhfheidhmeannaigh**

Members discussed the Chief Executive's Monthly Management Report for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

Issues raised by members included:

- St. Mullins – walkway to blessed well
- St. Mullins - flooding
- Vacant Site Levies
- Childcare facilities for Carlow County Council
- Hacketstown playground
- Water quality
- Boil water notice – Borris
- Lighting at junctions off motorway
- Parking at Prumplestown
- Shirley Bends
- Illegal dumping
- Carlow Blueway

Mr. M. Rainey, Director of Service, answered queries in relation to St. Mullins, childcare facilities and vacant site levies.

Mr. P. O'Gorman, Director of Service, answered queries in relation to water, roads, lighting, flooding and illegal dumping.

## **5.0 Correspondence / Comhfhreagras**

A request from the Samaritans to light up County buildings green in support, was, **Proposed by Councillor B. O'Donoghoe, Seconded by Councillor J. Pender**, and agreed following a show of hands

Mr. M. Rainey confirmed that a return to Chamber would be January/February 2022. He thanked the Visual for facilitating the holding of Council meetings in the theatre.

## **6.0 Notices of Motion / Fógraí Rúin**

None.

This concluded the business of the meeting.